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2. IRAQI

//ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN SAID THAT THE REACTOR WOULD BE REBUILT WITH HELP FROM FRANCE OR SOME OTHER COUNTRY. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IRAQ WAS IN NO HURRY. IN ADDITION, HE INDICATED

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THAT IRAQ APPRECIATED SAUDI ARABIA'S OFFER OF FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE AND THAT THE [ISRAELI] ATTACK HAS GIVEN BAGHDAD
A REASON FOR REBUILDING THE REACTOR UNDERGROUND.// [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO
SADDAM, FRANCE'S POLICY ON REBUILDING THE REACTOR REMAINS
UNCERTAIN.// [REDACTED]

END OF MESSAGE

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